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# Eleventh Annual Report

OF THE

## HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

DEFICE-101 ARERS

# IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR 1877.

WITH A LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS, &c.

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The Association for the Relief of the Poor in this city was organised in 1866, and has consequently been in active and successful operation for a period of eleven years. The amount of money contributed in the form of subscriptions since the Society was originated, has been \$19,303.50 altogether, shewing an average of nearly \$1,800 a year. There have been considerable fluctuations in the amounts subscribed from year to year, but it is extremely gratifying to be able to state that the largest amounts were freely and spontaneously given during the years that relief was most urgently required. As an illustration of this it may be stated that a larger total was voluntarily subscribed in 1876 than during any of the previous ten years, and that in 1875, which was also a hard year, the total paid in to the Treasurer exceeded that of 1874 by nearly \$500.

It may not be without interest to give here, the amount of money subscribed and paid each year since 1866.

In 1867 the subscriptions amounted to \$1,587.90; 1868, \$1,678.47; 1869, \$2,223.50; 1870, \$1,134.73; 1871, \$1,442.25; 1872, \$1,351.03; 1873, \$1,439.00; 1874, \$1,887.50; 1875, \$2,350.62; 1876, \$2,505.00; 1877, \$1,753.50.

It will thus be seen that during the past five years with the exception of last year, which shews a large falling off, the amount placed at the disposal of the Association has steadily increased, thus enabling it to meet to some extent, the constantly growing demand upon its resources, brought about by commercial and general depression in our midst, and consequently a largely increased amount of suffering among the laboring poor arising from enforced idleness and inability to find employment.

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The winter which is now upon us is likely to be as hard, if not harder, than any of its immediate predecessors, but the officers of the Board are satisfied that in the presence of so gloomy a prospect, the free will offerings of a benevolent community will aid them in their labors, as liberally and generously in the present emergency as it has invariably done in past years.

It is scarcely necessary to explain the great and leading object which the Association has in view, and which it has all along endeavoured to carry out systematically. That has been done in nearly every one of our previous Reports, and is well understood by the general public. The work in which we are engaged, is one of benevolence as well as charity. Our aim is to help the poor in the best possible way, by enabling them, as far as may be, to help themselves, and retain their self-respect by the consciousness, that in receiving the small amounts we are able to allow them for work at the stone shed, they are honestly earning what they get, and are therefore, though poor, not the recipients of charity.

Of course, there are a good many, who from age or infirmity, or other causes, are not equal to the severe labor of stone breaking. Or it may be, that more applicants seek work than the shed can accommodate. Under such circumstances, temporary relief is afforded to the most needy and deserving, by distributing among them, after due enquiry, provisions, fuel or other necessaries. No money is ever given, even when it is known that it would not be misapplied, as the visitors feel that such a system would, if once begun, be soon extended, and productive of unsatisfactory results.

The desire of the Association is to put a stop, as far as it can, to the demoralising practice of begging from door to door, by which undeserving persons are often helped improperly, imposture is practised and encouraged, while the really deserving poor who would suffer almost any privation rather than ask alms, are left without the relief which the charitable would gladly extend, if they only knew how it might reach those who stand most in need of it.

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The Stone Shed, under the careful and efficient management of Mr. W. H. Neal, was during the past winter almost self-supporting. This is due in a great measure to the time, energy and attention given to it, not only during the past, but several previous years, by the gentleman just mentioned, and whose valuable services in this department have been a most important factor in the success which has attended operations in this direction. 47,068 bushels of stone were broken last winter in the Shed.

The amount paid for the stone was.	\$ 785.70
Wages for breaking	1,631.84
Tools and repairs	93.75
Interest on money	146.83
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Received for stone	\$ 25.50
Loss on Stone Shed	108.12

It will thus be seen that the loss sustain in this work is only nominal, while it gave employment the aghout the hardest of the winter months to two hundred and seventy-six men, who were thus able to earn, when employed, from thirty to fifty cents a day. Three cents are paid for breaking a bushel of stone, and a workman can break from twelve to twenty bushels a day, when fully employed.

No arrangement has yet been come to with the City Council as to the purchase of broken stone, during the coming year, but it is to be hoped there will be no difficulty in this direction.

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It will be observed from the Treasurer's Report that the aggregate amount expended for provisions and relief in other forms throughout the four districts of the city was \$1,688.90. There was also \$60 on soup kitchen, which, with other unavoidable expenses leaves a small balance on the wrong side of of the account, of \$132.35. The donations, including interest on the A. K. Doull Bequest, having amounted last year to \$1,753.50

The following table shows the amount of the various articles named distributed during the months of January, February and March:—

	Bushels Coal.	Loaves Bread.	Lbs. C. Meal.	Lbs. O. Meal.	Galls. Mols's.	Qts. Soup.
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It may not be out of place to mention here, the good that may be effected by giving a more extended support to the excellent Refuge established by Mr. Potter, on Lower Water St. This institution has already been productive of most beneficial results. Here, a supper, bed and breakfast can be obtained for twenty-five cents, a single meal for five cents and upwards, while if a bowl of soup only is wanted it may be got for three cents. Mr. Potter can supply at present forty gallons per day, of this soup, and has night accommodation for twelve persons. A dozen or two dozen tickets can be purchased for a trifle, entitling the bearer of one of them to a meal at Mr. Potter's Refreshment Rooms, which is found to be by far a better way

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of giving incidental relief to an applicant, than by alms, either in money or kind. It is to be hoped that means may be adopted whereby the Board can utilise this Refuge to a greater extent than formerly.

The Treasurers' Report; The Abstract of the Rules by which the operations of the Association are governed; the list of Visitors of each Ward, and the Report from the Chairman of the Stone Shed, which are herewith annexed, supply all the information necessary, we think, in connection with the work of the Association.

In conclusion, the Board would, in view of the continued existing depression, and the certainity that there will be much suffering during the approaching winter among the poor, earnestly appeal to the citizens in this community for continued increased support, to enable them to meet and refleve the many cases of actual distress or want that are certain to come before them. To help this Association by a money contribution, great or small, is the best possible way of bestowing charity. The giver may rest assurd that his gift will be well applied, that the deserving only will be relieved, and the imposture of which the benevolent are too often made the viciims, to a large extent avoided.

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## ABSTRACT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RULES BY WHICH THE ASSOCIATION IS TO BE GOVERNED.

scontinue relief to all who manifest

1. To consider each applicant for relief as entitled to charity until a careful examination proves the contrary.

2. To give relief only after a personal investigation of each case, by visitation and enquiry.

3. To relieve no one except though the visitor of the section in which the applicant lives.

4. To give necessary articles, and only what is immediately necessary.

5. To give what is least susceptible of abuse.

6. To give only in small quantities, and in proportion only to immediate need; and of coarser quality than might be procured by labour, except in cases of sickness.

7. To give assistance at the right moment; not to prolong it beyond the duration of the necessity which calls for it; but to extend, restrict, and modify relief according to that necessity.

8. To require of each beneficiary abstinence from intoxicating liquors as a drink; of such as have young children of a proper age that they be kept at school, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances; and that those of suitable years be apprenticed to some trade, or sent to service. The design being to make the poor parties to their own improvement and elevation, the wilful violation or disregard of these rules, shall debar them from further relief.

9. To give no aid to persons who, from infirmity, imbecility, old age or any other cause, are likely to continue unable to earn their own support, and consequently to be permanently dependent, except in extreme cases, for two or three days, or until they can be referred to the Commissioners of the Poor, or to the Churches to which they belong.

10. To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support, and who further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of the Institution.

In all cases of want coming to the notice of the visitors, they will be expected to perform the same duties, although no application has been made. It shall be their duty, moreover, to render a written report of their labours, and also an account of their disbursements, to their respective committees, at the stated monthly meeting. No visitors neglecting these duties will be allowed to draw on the funds of the Association.

Most of the Rules will, doubtless, commend themselves at once to approval. As it respects others, the propriety of which may appear less obvious, the following explanations are offered.

In the 9th Rule, the permanently dependant are not regarded as proper subjects for relief, because, if they should continue to be relieved, the entire funds of the Association would soon be exhausted in the support of a permanent list; and its primary objects—the elevation of the moral and physical condition of the Poor—be defeated. Such persons should become a public charge, which is far preferable to reliance on incidental relief.

The 10th Rule refers to those who have become so pauperized in spirit by long-continued vagrancy or gratuitous relief, or so debased by other causes, that there is no hope of inciting them to self-support and to aid whom would encourage sin and indolence, and foster a great social evil.

The complaints of unrelieved applicants who have been sent to the Association should not be listened to, until they have produced a card from the visitor, for a card assigning the reason of refusal should always be given to the unrelieved applicants, which if produced, will show why he was not relieved; and, if unproduced, a proof that he has been attended to. In either case, the member will thus be made acquainted with the action of the visitor, and the reason for it.

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Two or three important results involved in the observance of the foregoing rules deserve notice. First, by refusing aid to the persons described, none are necessarily left to suffer. Even those who obstinately persist in their vicious courses, and cannot be relieved without injury to them and the community, still have a resource in the legal relief provided by the Commissioners of the Poor; so that all are cared for. Second, the Association does not supersede existing charities, but so far as is practicable, makes them available for those for whom they are designed. Third, that it is governed by such humane and economical considerations as have most important moral and social bearings on the individuals concerned, and the public.

Visitors, in complying with the foregoing Rules, should carefully direct their attention to such particulars bearing on the different classes indicated therein, as will qualify them for an intelligent and judicious discharge of their highly important and responsible duties.

The attention of members is also called to the said Rules, and the co-operation with the visitors most earnestly solicited, for, without it, the great and difficult work in which the Association is engaged cannot be effectually accomplished.

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### DISTRICT ONE. WARDS ONE AND TWO.

SAMUEL BROOKFIELD, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-W. H. NEAL, A. H. CROWE.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Albermarle street, 1 to 39	Charles E. Putner.	Dispensary.
Albert street and Gas Lane	John Ritchle.	80 Pleasant Street.
Barrington street, 1 to 49, 2 to 40  Blowers and Fawson streets  Granville st., 1 to Sackville  Hollis st., 1 to Sackville  Salter and Wallace streets	David King.	27 Barrington Street.
Birmingham, Park and Queen streets	A. H. Crowe.	139 South Park Street.
Brenton street, Briar Lane, Dresden Row,	Chas. Stayner.	179 South Park Street.
Church, Dundonald, South, Harvey, Kent ) and Morris sts., and Victoria Road.	Wm. Lawson.	Victoria Road.
Green, Smith, Tobin, and Lower Water	James Oxley.	5 Fawson Street.
Lower Water street, west side	Jno. McInnis.	McIntosh & McInnis' whf.
Tower Road, Inglis street, and all the	C. Franklyn.	Lovett House.
district south of Inglis street	W. H. Neal,	Spring Garden Road.

### DISTRICT TWO. WARDS THREE AND FOUR. J. WALTER ALLISON, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-S. WADDELL, K. J. MATHESON, JAMES FORREST.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Address.
do. 142 ** 176	A. Stephen, Jr. Thomas Goudge, Joseph Carman, C. J. Spike, S. Waddell. James Forrest,	Bauld, Gibson & Co. 103 Barrington Street. 60 Bedford Row. 28 Bedford Row. 47 Bedford Row. J. S. MacLean & Co. 173 Hollis Street. 151 Granville Street.
Barrington st., " " " Bedford Row	J. W. Alhsoz.	34 Bedford Row.
Bell's Lane Buckingham street	R. B. Wilch.	103 Upper Water St.
Duke street	Wm. J. Steward.	128 Granville Street.
Granville street, from Sackville to end	K. J. Matheson.	151 Granville Street.
Grafton street, 59 to 133	T. B. Cotter.	Govt. Savings Bank.
do. 135 " 245	R. S. Fitch.	139 Argyle Street
Jacob street, south side	R. B. Wilch.	103 Upper Water St.
Prince street	Henry W. Barnes.	Sackville cor. Granville St.

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### DISTRICT THREE. WARD FIVE.

E. C. NEWBERY, Chairman.

Auditing Committee-T. R. Ronald, Jas. Pennington.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Agricola and West streets	G. G. Gray.	5 Moren Street.
James and John streets	Thos, Thorburn,	197 Maynard Street.
Maynard, from Cogswell to Cunard and Falkland streets	M. J. McCurdy.	39 Bauer Street.
Creighton and North Parkstreets Cornwallis from Park to Gottingen sts.	Geo. Gewans.	135 Creighton Street.
Cornwallis st., from Gottingen to Water Gottingen st., from Cogswell to Gerrish	E. C. Newbery. R. J. Reid.	3 Artillery Place. 17 Gogswell Street.
Maitland and Prince William streets	T. Burton.	76 Gerrish Street.
Gerrish street, south side Jacob street, north side Proctor's Lane Hurd's Lane, Starr street	Wm. Lynch.	190 Albermarle Street.
Barrington street, north from Jacob Lockman st., from Cornwallis to Gerrish	T. Burton.	76 Gerrish Street.
Gray's Lane	A. Fennerty.	27 Argyle Street.

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### DISTRICT FOUR. WARD SIX.

CAPTAIN COFFIN, Chairman.

Advisory Committee.—Capt. Hunter, Jas. Farquhar. Auditing Committee.—Joseph Bell, D. H. Starr.

Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Upper Water street to Knight's Road Lockman street, Gerrish to North Brunswick street, Gerrish to North Gottingen street, Gerrish to North Creighton street, Gerrish to North Maynard street, Gerrish to North Gerrish street, north side Artz Lane, both sides North street, Water to Agricola streets. Almon, Bilby, Mary and McCara streets South of Duffus st., east end of Russell Gottingen and North of Russell street	Henry D. Blackadar, Jas. B. Cormack, Thos. Peters. Matthew Morrisey. H. A. Wright. Thos. Peters. Jas. Farquhar, James Rousbourgh. John Eckersley.	107 Lockman Street, 198 Lockman Street, 68 Gerrish Street, 138 Brunswick Street, 90 Agricola Street, 68 Gerrish Street, 185 Lockman Street, 68 North Street.
DISTRICT FOUR. ST	BURBAN SECTION, W	ARD SIX.
Streets.	Visitor's Name.	Visitor's Residence.
Kempt Road, from King's Corner to Three   Mile House	John Bell.	City Auditor.
Knight's Road along the line of Rail- way, including Africville, to Three Mile House	J. McKinlay.	Western Counties Freight Depot, Richmond.
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Leahy Villa to head of N. W. Arm, thence to where Kline's Road joins Dutch Village	Major Theakston.	11 Agricola Street.

### REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN STONE SHED.

Memo. of Labor and Expenditure at Stone Shed, from Jan. 8 to March 9, 1877.

Record for week ending.	Men breaking Stone.	Loads of Stone used.	Bushels of Stone broken.	Paid for Stone.	Paid for breaking.	Total ex- penditure each week.
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March 2	84 82	400 416 146	4800 4992 1792	72 00 74 88 26 25	161 80 167 76 68 26	233 80 242 64 94 51
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Daily average of Men employed	99

Average weekly expenditure for Stone, and labor for breaking same...\$241.75

This record shews a decrease in the number of men employed and in the amount of work performed, caused by the uncertainty as to the purchase of the Stone by the City Authorities, no definite agreement having been made for the sale up to the period of closing the Shed, and this liability as shewn by statement annexed of \$2417, was borne by two of our members (Messrs, John Doull and S. M. Brookfield,) who became personally responsible to the Union Bank for the advance made to meet the necessary expenditure, it was deemed prudent to stop the work, as there seemed to be no probability of receiving from the City Council any assurance that they would pur-chase the Stone as usual. This year some positive agreement should be entered into with the City before the work at Shed is commenced. The relief afforded by the work is highly appreciated by the men who receive it, and who gladly avail themselves of this when no more remunerative labor can be obtained, and many are helped over the winter who otherwise would be compelled to apply for aid in some other form.

As usual the record shews the majority of men who apply for work have families depending upon them, and to whom a preference is given in application for work at Shed.

W. H. NEAL.

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Doull & Miller Lord Bishop ... J. A. Moren... B. H. Collins... A. McLeod & Duffus & Co... E. Binney.... E. P. Archbold Mrs. N. L. We E. Albro..... Sir W. Young. Edw. Smith.... H. Heslein & S Hon. R. Boak. J. Gibson..... J. Butler & Co. J. C. Halliburto Muir & Scott .... Danl. Cronan ... Y. L.. Almon & MacIr "Better late th C. Roche...... W. P. West.... W. S. Stirling.. Judge Ritchie... J. Hicks. Hon. Stayley B M. H. Richey... T. A. Ritchie... P. Power. M. P. Black.... J. S. MacLean.. W. L. Black.... Lt. Gen, O'G. F S. A. White.... Lawson, Harring Senator Northu North British Sc Lt. Governor Ar Dr. Avery...... Judge Ritchie, 2 Mrs. James Don R. E. C.... D. W. Ross..... F. A. C. J. Gibson.... H. Y. Clarke .... D. King..... Thos Ritchie.... W. Ackhurst ..... Santa Klaus..... M. S. Brown..... R. W. Fraser.... Dr. R. F. Burns.

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